

I am a satisfied Qwest DSL customer. I pay them to use their DSL transport link and I pay an independent ISP for my Internet access. I enjoy the freedom to choose the service provider that best meets my needs and that service provider offers me unrestricted bi-directional Internet access. By bi-directional I mean that I can send Internet traffic using any protocol to any remote IP address while at the same time my ISP does not block the same traffic to me. This allows me to run a web site and to accept VOIP calls and many other potential Internet traffic.

Many ISP's, including Qwest and Comcast, restrict their customers and do not give them full, bi-directional, access to the Internet. Their End User License agreements restrict the traffic and they enforce the restrictions with their network equipment. My ISP does not impose such restrictions.

You will have few customers address this request because few of them have a vision of the possibilities we have with the Internet. It is too early in the life of the Internet to let a few large companies totally control the system.

Voice over IP is an example of one of the Internet possibilities that we are just now starting to understand. How many more Internet based business opportunities may never be created if the Internet services are restricted?

If this Qwest request is allowed I would expect them to quickly price alternate ISP's out of the market and then they would impose the same Internet restriction that Comcast places on their Internet service thus greatly diminishing the potential of the Internet.

I ask that the current Qwest request be denied until a mechanism is in place to preserve unrestricted bi-directional access to the Internet.

Thank you,

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